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SUBJECT:ROMANIAN PROPOSAL FOR US-GOR BILATERAL NUCLEAR
AGREEMENT

REF: STATE 181670

1. AMBASSADOR BOGDAN CALLED ON DR. GANLEY, ACTING DEPUTY
ASSISTANT SECRETARY, OES, TO EXPRESS FORMALLY GOR'S
DESIRE TO CONCLUDE A BILATERAL NUCLEAR AGREEMENT IN ORDER
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TO ENABLE GOR TO ACQUIRE US TECHNOLOGY AND COMPONENTS

NEEDED FOR ROMANIAN NUCLEAR POWER PROGRAM NOW IN PLANNING STAGE. HE STRESSED URGENCY BECAUSE OF WHAT HE CALLED PRACTICAL REASONS.

2. HE PRESENTED A ONE-PAGE LIST OF SPECIFIC ITEMS AND THEIR MANUFACTURERS, DIVIDED INTO TWO CATEGORIES--THOSE FROM THE US AND THOSE FROM CANADIAN SUBSIDIARIES OF US COMPANIES (SEE SEPTEL). BOGDAN SAID THIS LIST IS NOT TO BE CONSIDERED DEFINITIVE BUT COULD BE USED AS BASIS FOR DISCUSSIONS. GOR IS INTERESTED IN LICENSING ARRANGEMENTS, JOINT VENTURES OR PURCHASES. GOR WOULD PROBABLY PURCHASE MORE FROM CANADA THAN FROM THE US, BUT ROMANIANS HAVE IMPRESSION THAT CANADIAN SUBSIDIARIES CANNOT PROCEED WITHOUT PERMISSION FROM THE US PARENT FIRMS. LIKEWISE, GOR

CANNOT PURSUE DISCUSSIONS WITH CANADA IN THE ABSENCE OF A US RESPONSE.

3. TO ADD TO THE URGENCY, BOGDAN MENTIONED IN CONFIDENCE THAT CEAUSESCU WOULD VISIT CANADA, BEGINNING ON OR ABOUT OCTOBER 8, AND WOULD "LIKE TO SIGN SOMETHING" WHILE THERE. BOGDAN WAS UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT SOME CANADIAN SUBSIDIARIES HAVE APPROACHED THEIR US PARENT FIRMS, BUT HE KNEW NO DETAILS. HE ASKED THAT, IF POSSIBLE, THE DEPARTMENT PROVIDE HIM WITH WHATEVER INFORMATION IT MAY HAVE ON THESE CANADIAN-US CONTACTS.

4. BOGDAN STATED THAT GOR WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE QUESTION OF A BILATERAL AGREEMENT ADDED TO THE AGENDA OF THE JOINT COMMISSION, SCHEDULED TO MEET IN WASHINGTON IN LATE OCTOBER. BOGDAN EXPECTS THAT A ROMANIAN EXPERT ON NUCLEAR MATTERS WILL ACCOMPANY THE GROUP VISITING WASHINGTON IN MID-SEPTEMBER TO PREPARE FOR THE JOINT COMMISSION MEETING. HE INQUIRED WHETHER THE US WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO PROVIDE A PROVISIONAL DRAFT AGREEMENT IN ADVANCE OF THE GROUP'S ARRIVAL. IF NO DRAFT AGREEMENT WITH ROMANIA COULD BE READIED, HE ASKED WHETHER WE COULD PROVIDE GOR WITH AN AGREEMENT WITH ANOTHER COUNTRY WHICH COULD PERHAPS SERVE AS A MODEL.

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5. GANLEY REPLIED THAT THE NEGOTIATION OF A BILATERAL NUCLEAR AGREEMENT IS AN EXTREMELY COMPLICATED MATTER, PARTICULARLY SINCE THIS WOULD BE THE FIRST ONE WITH A SOCIALIST COUNTRY. HE COULD NOT GIVE ANY GUIDANCE AT THIS TIME BUT WOULD CONSULT WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICES IN THE DEPARTMENT AND ELSEWHERE. GANLEY SAID HE HOPED WE COULD PROVIDE A PROVISIONAL US RESPONSE IN EARLY SEPTEMBER.

6. BOGDAN CONFIRMED THAT NUCLEAR POWER DEVELOPMENT PLAN
IN CONTEXT OF NEXT FIVE YEAR PLAN IS NEARING COMPLETION.
DEPARTMENT OFFICER REQUESTED INFORMATION ON SCOPE OF
PLANNED DEVELOPMENT, AND BOGDAN INDICATED HE WOULD SEEK
THE INFORMATION. REQUEST EMBASSY FOLLOW UP WITH SIMILAR
REQUEST TO APPROPRIATE GOR AUTHORITIES. MAW

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